

TOWN OF WEBSTER

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Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 28, 2008

7:00 P.M. Roll Call – Selectmen present: George Hashem and Thomas Mullins.

Selectman Mullins made a motion to accept the January 14, 2008 minutes as written; seconded by Chairman Hashem and unanimously approved. The Board signed a Payroll Check Warrant and the Accounts Payable Warrant.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- A leave slip;
- a letter to John Gifford regarding possible Zoning violations;
- reviewed and made changes for a letter to be sent to David Marcello regarding future acceptance of Blackberry Lane; and
- liaison paperwork to add Mary Smith as being authorized to sign paperwork for 911 addresses as well as the mapping for 911.

Fire Chief Adam Pouliot advised that there are electrical issues with the tanker truck with the estimated repair cost to be around \$2,000 to be taken out of the equipment maintenance budget line. He also advised that there were serious problems with the parking lot area where the cement pad and the asphalt meet. Though temporary repairs have been made, more permanent repairs will be needed.

Police Chief Brian Milano presented his semi-monthly report to the Board.

7:08 P.M. Selectman Mullins made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3(a) with Fire Chief Adam Pouliot to discuss personnel issues; seconded by Chairman Hashem. Roll call: Chairman Hashem – yes and Selectman Mullins – yes. Also in attendance was Administrative Assistant Mrs Jones.

7:14 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. The Board discussed personnel issues with Chief Pouliot. No decisions were made. Selectman Mullins made a motion to seal the minutes; seconded by Chairman Hashem; so moved.

Chief Milano presented his semi-monthly report to the Board. He advised the Board that the heating system at the Safety Building needs to be cleaned and serviced as it has not been done since the building was constructed. Chief Milano will make the necessary arrangements.

7:18 P.M. Selectman Mullins made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3 to discuss correspondence received from the Town Attorney with Police Chief Milano; seconded by Chairman Hashem. Roll Call: Chairman Hashem – yes and Selectman Mullins – yes.

7:24 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. The Board discussed legal issues with Chief Milano and no decisions were made. Selectman Mullins made a motion to seal the minutes; seconded by Chairman Hashem; so moved.

Martin Bender, Zoning Board Chairman, requested to withdraw his earlier nomination for the appointment of an Alternate Zoning Board Member. He also requested that Librarian Cathryn Clark-Dawe be trained to update the new website. Mary Jo MacGowan, Conservation Chairman, made the same request. The Board will decide later as to who will be the “users” for updating the website.

Radios recently purchased from the Town of Boscawen for the Road Agent were not usable, so they were returned. Boscawen issued a refund check which will be signed over to Ossipee Mountain if it can be legally done, to cover the cost of compatible radios.

Representatives from Bartlett Associates, a surveying company, and owner of Webster property Peter McGrath requested guidance from the Board as to what would be the procedure to update to Class V that portion of Little Hill Road now considered Class V to seasonal cottages (not winter maintained) before approaching the Planning Board. Selectman Mullins advised that the jurisdiction for such a change of the layout of a road lies within the Selectmen's authority. Town Counsel has advised that the road must meet the criteria of a "public occasion". The Board noted that there are no homes currently on this portion of the road and the road ends at the Salisbury Town Line, also not winter maintained, agreeing that there was no basis at this time to change the status of the road. Mr. McGrath discussed other alternatives such as with a subdivision, which might be accepted through the Planning Board, asking the Selectmen if they would then accept the Road as public. The Board stated that there would be no guarantee of acceptance of the road on a Planning Board plat.

John Little requested copies of blueprints of the Safety Building, particularly the lobby and Police Office area. Chief Milano offered to make him a copy of the blueprint area of the lobby and the opportunity to make an appointment to measure and take pictures of the area, but not inside the offices as that is a secured area. Arrangements for a time were made with Mr. Little, who then requested that one or more Selectman be present.

Jesse Roy, a builder and home inspector, met with the Board regarding the Town's building inspection needs, with Chief Pouliot asking if he was qualified to do electrical, plumbing and fire safety codes. As he is, the Board discussed potential number of inspection visits needed, with the intention that the cost will be built into a fee structure. He was advised that Planning Board Chairman Cliff Broker will be invited to the next meeting as the intent is for the driveways to be incorporated into the inspections. Mr. Roy will put together a proposal for the Board's review at the next meeting.

The Board approved a \$150 increase in the Life Insurance budget line. They reviewed a Warrant Article proposed by the Conservation Commission to add \$5,000 to the existing Land Trust Capital Reserve. The Article will be on the Warrant, but the Board will vote later as to whether or not to recommend this Article.

Chairman Hashem made a motion to send \$79.41 to the Local Government Center towards legal expenses to pursue litigation against additional retirement costs; seconded by Selectman Mullins; so moved.

8:27 P.M. Selectman Mullins made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A II (c) with Mrs. Jones as the matter would likely adversely affect the reputation of a towns person; seconded by Chairman Hashem; so moved.

8:33 P.M. Chairman Hashem reconvened the meeting. He advised that after discussing the matter that would likely adversely affect the reputation of a towns person, no decisions were made. Selectman Mullins made a motion to seal the minutes; seconded by Chairman Hashem; so moved.

The Board approved putting an article on the Warrant brought in by Sally Embley asking that the Town request State leaders to adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

8:36 P.M. Chairman Hashem adjourned this meeting until Friday, February 1, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. at which time the Board will review the proposed 2008 Warrant and Budget so that it may be approved and made available to the public prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for review of same on February 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

George K. Hashem

Thomas S. Mullins

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